Poverty alleviation programmes

2880. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target set and achieved under different poverty alleviation programmes during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) how Government propose to make these programmes more effective and target oriented?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) The State-wise target set & achieved under different poverty alleviation programmes during 1998-99 and 1999-2000. State-wise are indicated at Annexure [*see* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 72].

(b) The implementation of the programmes is proposed to be made more effective by actively involving the Panchayati Raj Institutions and through active monitoring.

Construction of rural roads in Madhya Pradesh

†2881. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan of the Central Government to construct rural roads in Madhya Pradesh during the current financial years;

(b) if so, the total length of roads, in terms of kilometer to be constructed; and

(c) the total allocation made to the State for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) to (c) The Central Government are in the process of formulating a National Rural Connectivity Programme (NRCP) and have set up a National Rural Road Development Committee whose recommendations are awaited.

DWCRA scheme in Himachal Pradesh

2882. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2256 given in Rajya Sabha on 22-12-1999 and state;

(a) the district-wise allocation and utilization of funds under DWCRA during the last five years in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of full funds in this behalf every year; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.